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CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether food subsidy is being provided to ensure food security to the poor people;

(b) if so, whether it is proposed to restrict the provision of food subsidy only for foodgrains;

(c) if so, the details thereof indicating the items to be excluded from the purview of subsidised Public Distribution System (PDS) alongwith the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government proposes to include coarse grains for distribution under PDS; and

(e) the manner in which the norms for the variety of coarse grains to be included under PDS are proposed to be fixed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a), (b) & (c): Food subsidy is provided for foodgrains which are issued to State Government under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and other welfare schemes of the Government to ensure food security to the poor. There is no proposal to exclude any of the existing items distributed under the TPDS.

(d) & (e): In order to encourage the consumption of coarsegrains under TPDS in lieu of wheat/rice, Government is making available coarsegrains at Central Issue Prices (CIPs) of 50% of the economic cost in the case of BPL families, 70% of the economic cost for APL families and Rs. 200/- per quintal in the case of AAY families.